

DOE/OE Transmission Reliability Program

Application of VARPRO Ambient Mode Estimation

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VAPRO Project Summary

- **Overall project objective**

Detect and Analyze Oscillations in Power System Data

- **Looking Back:**

- Ringdown VAPRO: Tech Transfer to PowerWorld
- Ringdown VAPRO: CERTS Tool Available/Matlab
- Ringdown VAPRO: Routinely used by BPA Engineers
- Ambient VAPRO: Introduced a method for application of VAPRO to Ambient Data analysis.
- Ambient VAPRO: Initial Studies on brake data demonstrate promise.

- **Publications:**

- Borden, A.R., Lesieutre, B.C.; "Variable Projection Method for Power System Modal Identification," *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems*, Vol. 29, No. 6, pp. 2613-2620, November 2014.
- Lesieutre, B.C., "Application of VAPRO to Ambient Mode Estimation" draft report prepared. Final report August 2015.



Topics to Address

- **Looking Forward:**

- Apply method to new data datasets.
- Develop additions to assess the quality of estimates (error bars).
- Implement algorithms in BPA facility
- Risk Factors: Data Availability

Presentation:

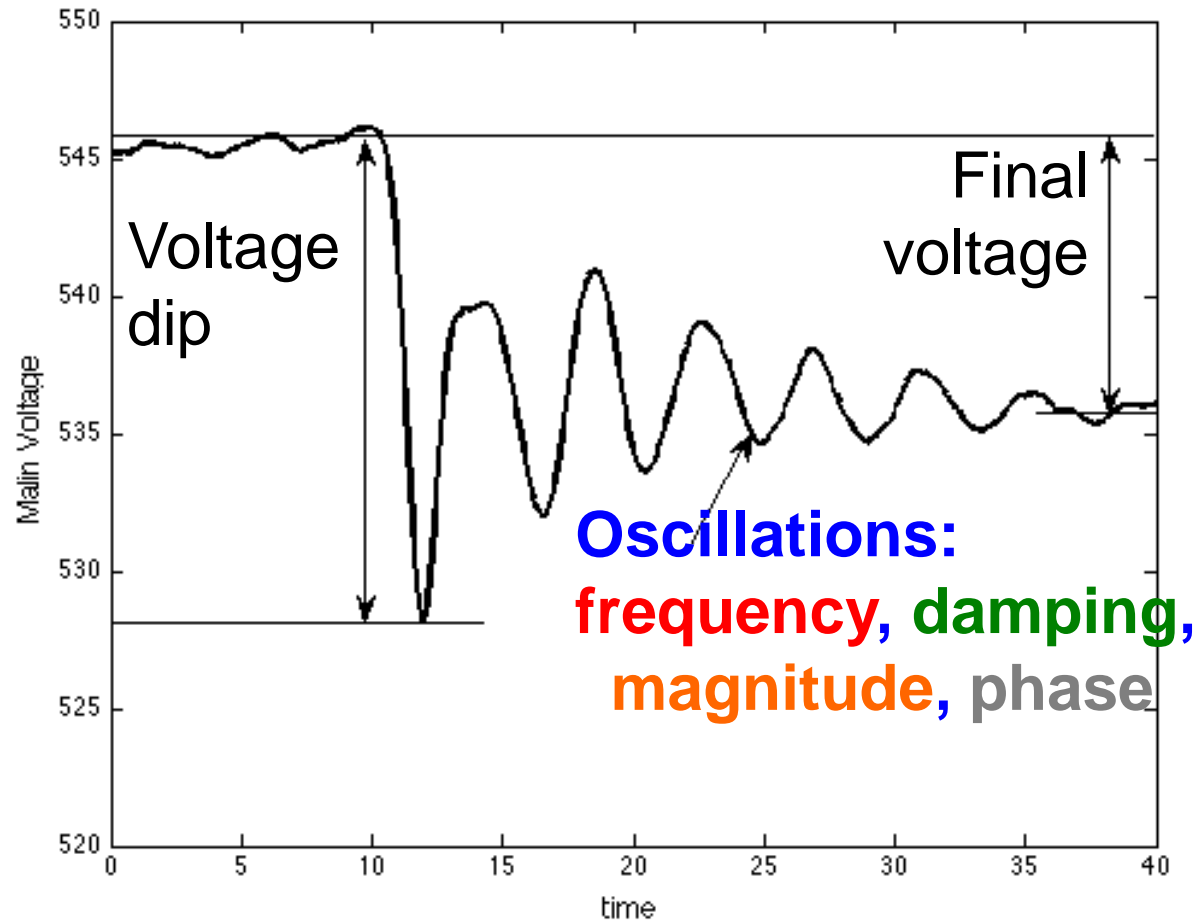
Review VAPRO Algorithm for Analysis of Oscillations

Present Approach to analyze ambient data

Present initial results of analysis of ambient data



Review: Ringdown Analysis



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- Fit data to (un)damped sinusoids

$$x(t) \approx \sum_{i=1} b_i e^{\lambda_i t} = \sum_{i=1} A_i e^{\sigma_i t} \cos(\omega_i t + \phi_i)$$

- Two Approaches:

Model Fitting (Prony and variants)

Curve Fitting (FFT, Polynomial, VARPRO)



Review: Model Fitting

Many approaches use a three-stage process:

1. Use correlations in data to **construct a linear system model**. $y[n] = \alpha_1 y[n-1] + \dots + \alpha_N y[n-N]$

2. Calculate natural modes of model. Roots of

$$0 = -z^N + \alpha_1 z^{N-1} + \dots + \alpha_N$$

1. Calculate corresponding coefficients to match data.

$$y[n] = r_1 z_1^n + \dots + r_N z_N^n$$

Advantage: Each step involves a **FAST** linear calculation.

Disadvantage: It is not curve fitting, and it has issues...



Curve Fitting

Fit data to (un)damped sinusoids

- Frequency $\omega_i \left[\frac{rad}{sec} \right]$
- Damping $\sigma_i \left[\frac{rad}{sec} \right]$

Mode

Shapes

$$x(t) \approx \sum_{i=1} b_i e^{\lambda_i t} = \sum_{i=1} A_i e^{\sigma_i t} \cos(\omega_i t + \phi_i)$$

- Amplitude A_i
- Phase $\phi_i \text{ [rad]}$

$$\min_{A_i, \sigma_i, \omega_i, \phi_i} \left\| x(t) - \sum_i A_i e^{\sigma_i t} \cos(\omega_i t + \phi_i) \right\|_2$$



Curve Fitting: Nonlinear Method

$\alpha = [\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p]$ *Optimization variables (damping & frequencies)*

$\Phi(\alpha) = [\phi_1(\alpha), \dots, \phi_n(\alpha)]$ *Basis functions (sinusoids, exponentials, polynomial (trend))*

$$\hat{y}(\alpha) = \Phi(\alpha) b \quad r(\alpha) = y - \hat{y}(\alpha) \quad \Longrightarrow \quad b = \Phi(\alpha)^\dagger y$$

$$\min_{\alpha} \frac{1}{2} \|r(\alpha)\|_2^2 = \min_{\alpha} \frac{1}{2} \|(I - \Phi(\alpha)\Phi(\alpha)^\dagger)y\|_2^2$$

▫ Variable Projection Method

- “*The Differentiation of Pseudo-Inverses and Nonlinear Least Squares Problems Whose Variables Separate*,” Golub and Pereyra (1973)

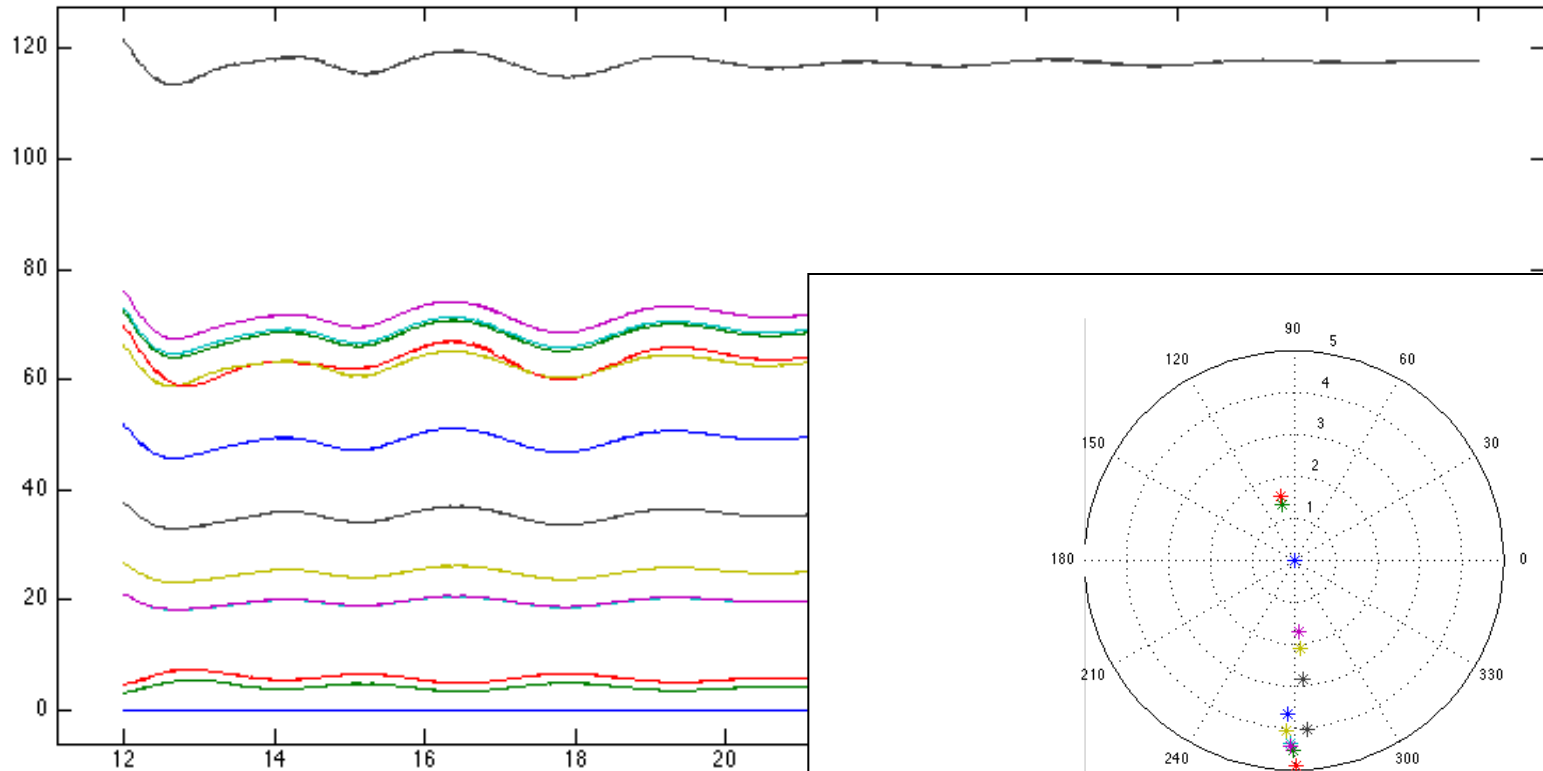
Gradient: $\nabla \frac{1}{2} \|r(\alpha)\|_2^2 = J^T r(\alpha) \quad J = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial r(\alpha)}{\partial \alpha_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial r(\alpha)}{\partial \alpha_p} \end{bmatrix}$



$$\frac{\partial r(\alpha)}{\partial \alpha_j} = - \left[\left(P^\perp \frac{\partial \Phi(\alpha)}{\partial \alpha_j} \Phi(\alpha)^\dagger \right) + \left(P^\perp \frac{\partial \Phi(\alpha)}{\partial \alpha_j} \Phi(\alpha)^\dagger \right)^T \right] y \quad \text{---} \quad P^\perp = I - \Phi(\alpha)\Phi(\alpha)^\dagger$$

Sample Results

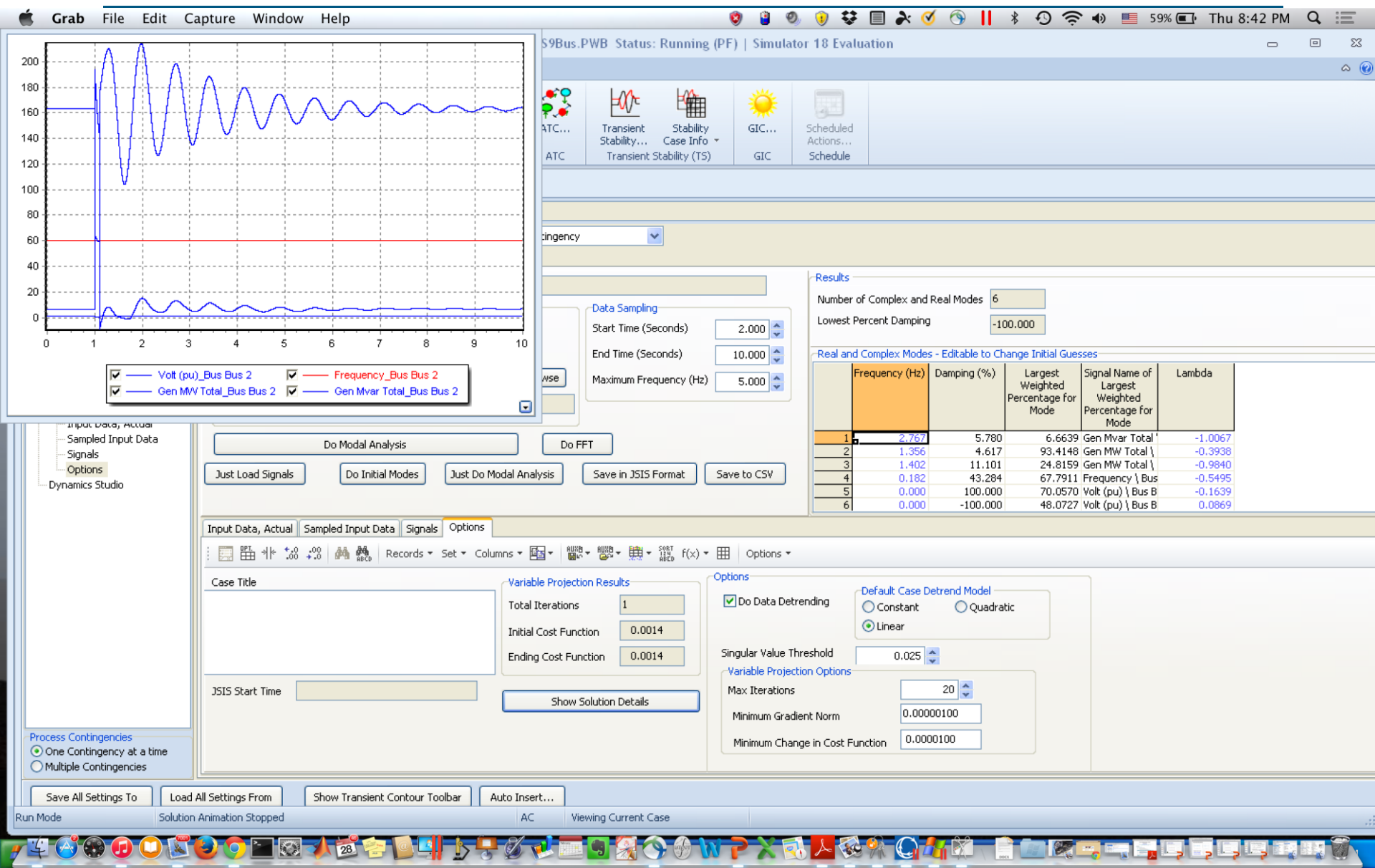
Compare data and Ringdown Tool fit.



Mode Shape

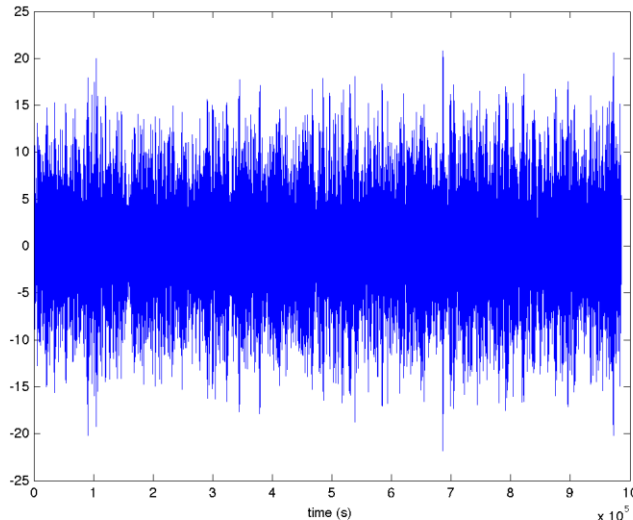


PowerWorld Transient Simulator



Ambient Data Analysis

- The goal of this work is to estimate oscillatory modes by examining ambient (noisy) data.



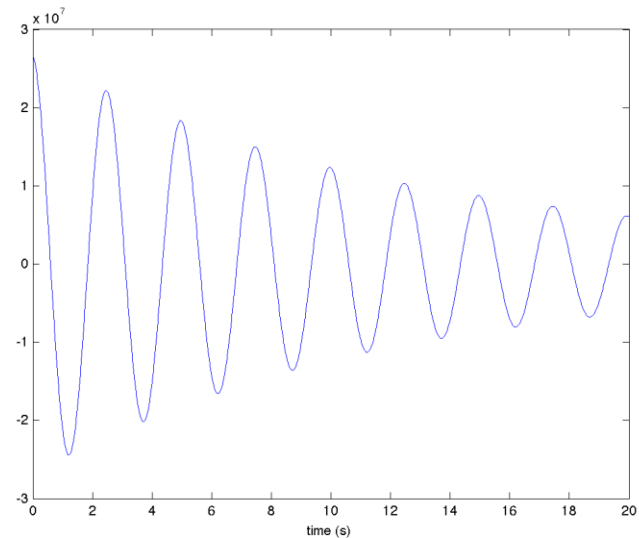
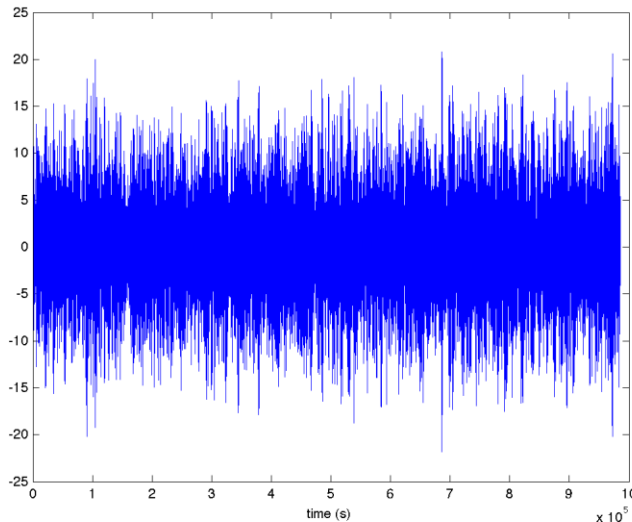
Illustrative Example (simulation)

How can we estimate modes from this data? **Using curve fitting?**



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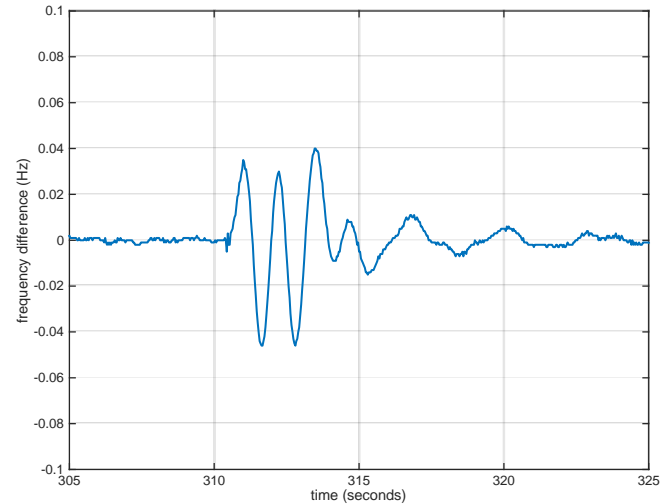
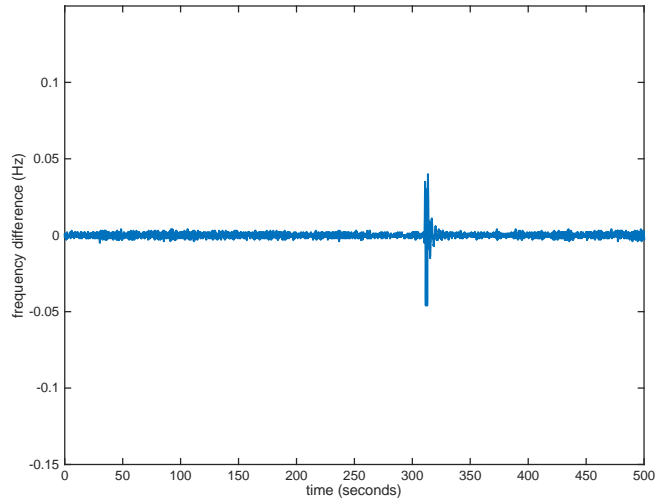
- Calculate Sample Autocorrelation. Perform curve fitting (VARPRO) on this.



Modal frequency and damping correctly identified:
0.4 Hz at 3% damping. (0.4002 Hz and 2.98% calculated)



PMU Data Analysis: Ringdown

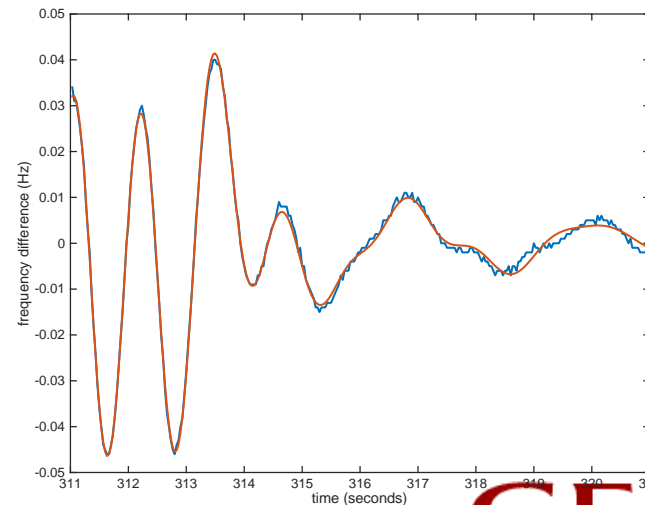


Ringdown Analysis (varpro)

0.32 Hz @ 9% damping

0.67 Hz @ 13 % damping

0.87 Hz @ 10 % damping



Ambient Data

Use five minutes of data prior to disturbance to estimate modes:

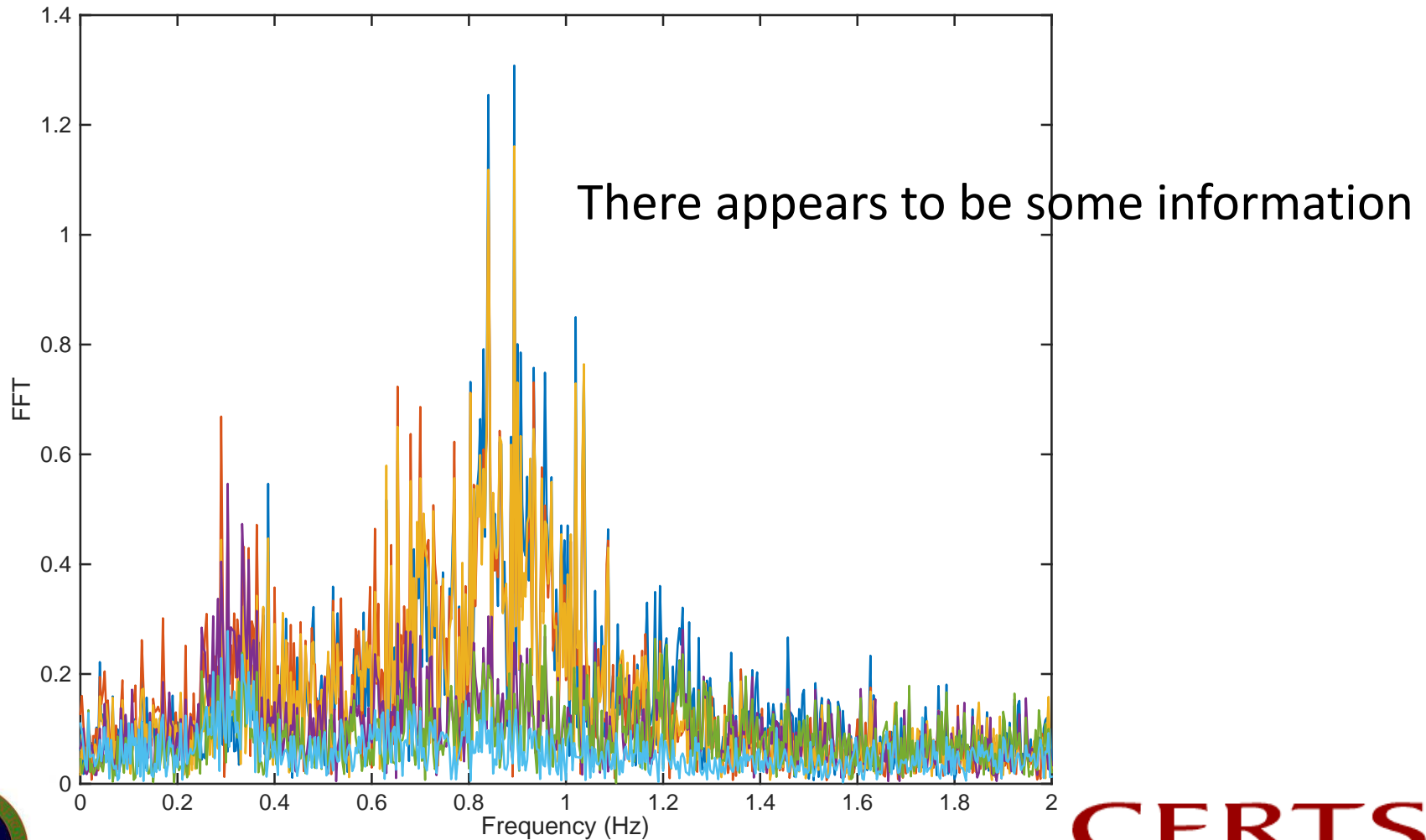
Is there any information there? (FFT)

Estimate modes using

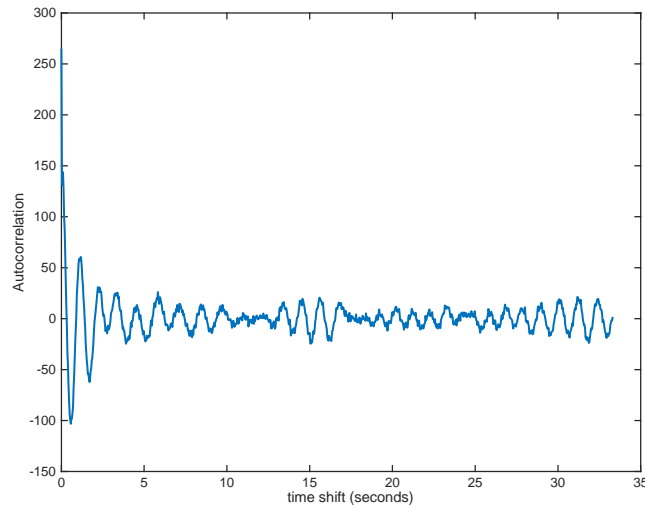
- Yule-Walker (model fitting)
- Varpro analysis of sample autocorrelations (curve fitting)



Ambient Data: FFT

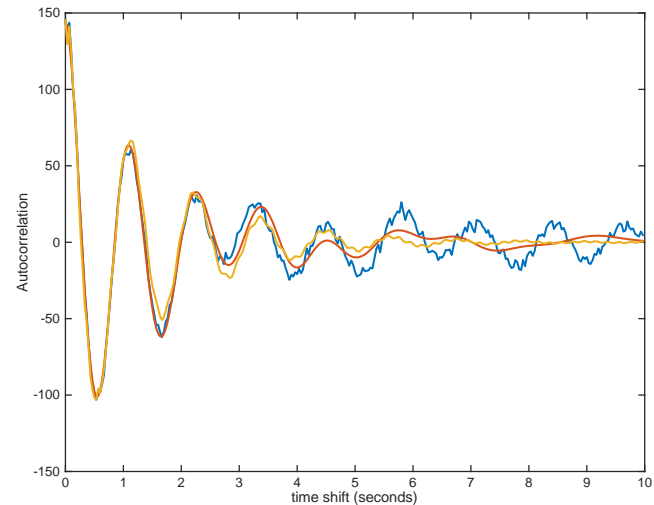


Autocorrelation Fit (Varpro)



Ringdown Analysis (varpro)

0.32 Hz @ 8% damping
1.20 Hz @ 7 % damping
0.87 Hz @ 11 % damping



Decent fit at start.

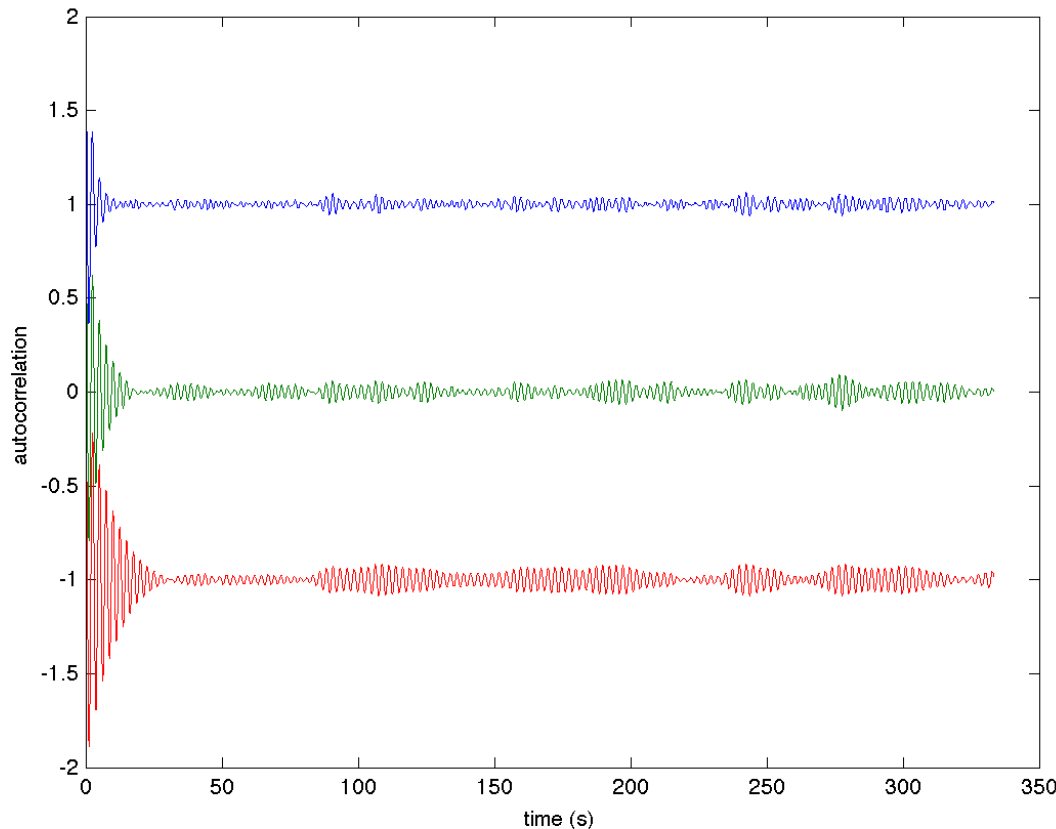
Yule-Walker

0.89 Hz @ 12 % damping
+ others

Promising start ...



Autocorrelation Steady-State Metric

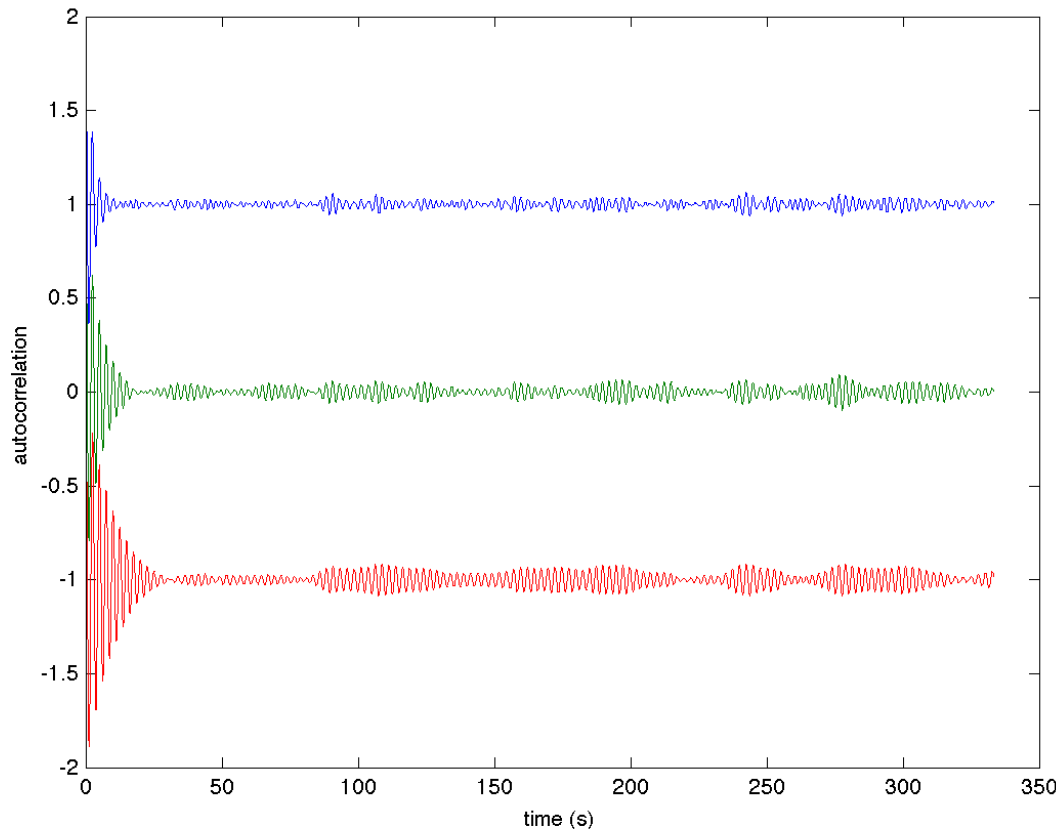


Autocorrelation of three systems with different dampings: 16%, 8%, and 4%.

Qualitatively, the effects of damping are noticeable in the steady state characteristic.



Autocorrelation Steady-State Metric



Consider using this information:

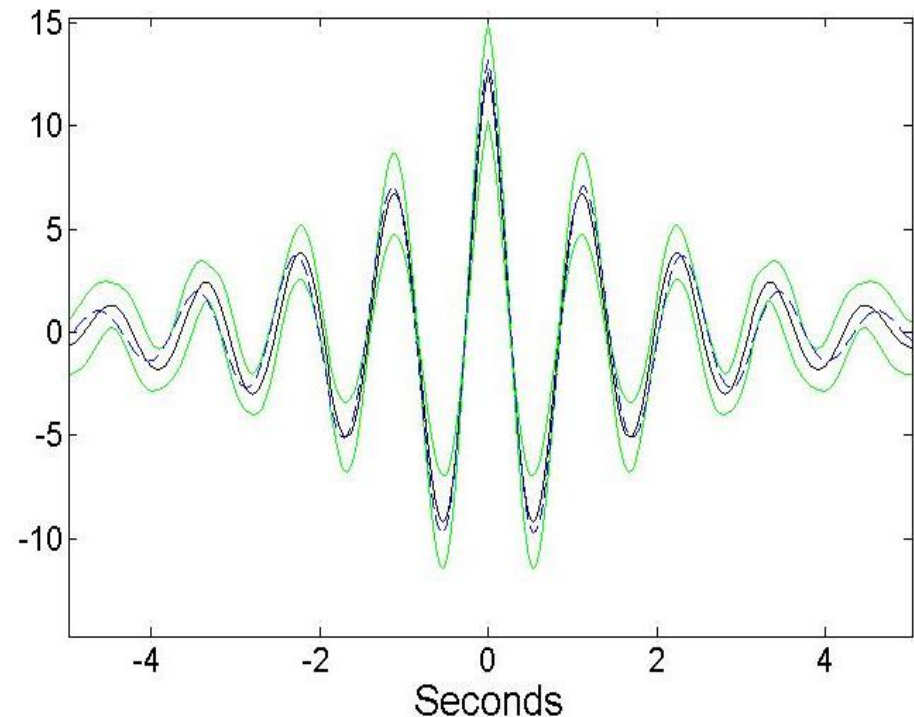
- A. Calibrate to known damping characteristics to estimate damping.
- A. Introduce new metric related to steady-state autocorrelation characteristic.



Data-Based Error Bounds

- Goal: find error bounds on modal-parameter estimates.
- Why?
 - Give confidence intervals.
 - Understand how much ambient data is needed.
 - Adapt algorithm as needed.
- How?
 - Data-only approach:
 1. Find error statistics for the sample autocorrelation.
 2. Bound estimates as found by curve-fitting algorithm

- Example based on synthetic data.



damping-ratio estimate: $(10 \pm 1.1)\%$



Research for 2015/2016

1. Analyze more data sets. BPA brake data
2. Examine information in steady-state sample autocorrelation curve.
3. Statistical Error Analysis: to estimate error bounds on estimates. Work in cooperation with Sandip Roy of Washington State University.
4. Implement Algorithms in BPA on-line test facility.

